

1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to enact legislation to require  
2 employer group health benefit plans that are regulated under the federal Employee  
3 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide coverage for prosthetic devices in an  
4 amount sufficient for timely provision, repair, and replacement of a prosthetic device so  
5 as not to unduly interfere with the daily activities of the individual requiring the  
6 prosthetic device.

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8           Whereas, During the 2007 interim, the Health Finance Commission studied  
9 issues related to prosthetic devices, including technology, cost, repair, and replacement of  
10 prosthetic devices;

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12           Whereas, The Health Finance Commission determined that many individuals who  
13 require prosthetic devices do not receive appropriate care with respect to their prosthetic  
14 devices because costs related to the care are prohibitive;

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16           Whereas, Many health benefit plans provide limited coverage for prosthetic  
17 devices;

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19           Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly considers health benefit plan coverage  
20 for prosthetic devices to be necessary for the well being and active participation of  
21 individuals who require a prosthetic device;

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23           Whereas, A significant percentage of employer group health benefit plans in  
24 Indiana are self insured and subject only to the federal Employee Retirement Income  
25 Security Act of 1974: Therefore,

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27           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Congress of the United  
28 States to enact legislation requiring employer group health benefit plans to provide  
29 coverage for prosthetic devices in an amount sufficient for timely provision, repair, and  
30 replacement of a prosthetic device so as not to unduly interfere with the daily activities of

1 the individual requiring the prosthetic device.

2 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the  
3 Senate to the presiding officers and the majority and minority leaders of both houses of  
4 the United State Congress and the Indiana Congressional delegation.  
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